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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A thyristor arrangement, comprising:
 - a main thyristor, including a cathode and an anode;
 - at least one auxiliary thyristor, including a cathode and an anode;
 - a resistance device, electrically connecting the cathode of the auxiliary thyristor and the cathode of the main thyristor and defining an ohmic resistance that is different from zero;
 - an anode connection, electrically connecting the anode of the auxiliary thyristor and the anode of the main thyristor; and